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The documents: WO 97/39428, EP 0 659 935, EP 0 052 624, EP 0 053 124 and DE 101 20 818 are all identified in the specification of this application and the relevancy of the documents is evident from the discussion in the text of the specification of this application beginning on page 1.

STATEMENT OF CUMULATIVE INFORMATION

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